

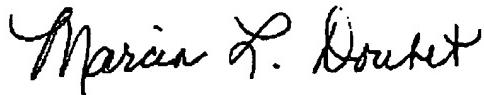
REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, and 11 have been amended. No new matter is added with these amendments, which are supported in the specification as originally filed. Claims 1, 5 - 7, 10 - 11, and 14 - 18 remain in the application.

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action dated December 2, 2005 (hereinafter, "the Office Action") states that (independent) Claims 1, 7, and 11 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, which is set forth in paragraph 5 of the Office Action. Applicants thank the Examiner for this careful examination, which correctly identified typographical errors that were inadvertently introduced into the independent claims with the amendments submitted on September 10, 2005. Those typographical errors have been corrected herein, in accordance with the analysis presented by the Examiner in paragraph 5 of the Office Action.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §112, first paragraph, rejection and pass remaining Claims 1, 5 - 7, 10 - 11, and 14 - 18 to issuance.

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